

## LIKE A SEED

### A Community-Based, Online Lenten Series

*This lectionary series uses the farmworkers' agricultural background to help us walk together as we discover in God's Word the path of the life, freedom and justice that Jesus followed, which finally brought him to the cross. The series will continue through Lent and culminate with the readings from Easter Sunday where we will explore how the seed that God has planted is giving life and hope.*

*We invite you to read the passages, think about the questions and then return each week to [www.pcusa.org/fairfood](http://www.pcusa.org/fairfood) where a summary of the farmworkers' insights and questions will be posted. If you wish to share your thoughts with the farmworkers, you may do so by sending an email that we will forward to them.*

*"Like A Seed" has been prepared by the Rev. Miguel Fernando Estrada Salvador, the pastor of Misión Peniel in Immokalee, FL. Misión Peniel, is a Reformed spiritual community with farmworkers and is supported by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The farmworkers who participate in this community come from reformed churches in Guatemala and Mexico or have been drawn to the witness of the Presbyterian Church through our work in Immokalee.*

### **Ash Wednesday**

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| Title:                    | Selecting a Field to Sow                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Scripture:                | 2 Peter 1.16-21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Questions for reflection: | a. What is the foundation of the Christian experience?<br>b. What does God's revelation mean to you personally?<br>c. How does it affect your life?<br>d. What is the role of the community of faith in the interpretation of God's revelation? |

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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| Title:     | Danger in the Field of Life |
| Scripture: | Gen. 2.15-17; 3.1-7         |

- Questions for reflection:
- a. What was the role and what were the responsibilities of Adam and Eve in the original creation?
  - b. What does Satan use to tempt Eve?
  - c. Do they have any other options? What are they?

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Title: The Germination Miracle

Scripture: John 3.1-17

- Questions for reflection:
- a. How does a seed produce life?
  - b. Is it possible that a seed could produce a different kind of fruit?
  - c. If we take Jesus as a seed, what is his fruit?

## **3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday in Lent**

Title: Without Water there is not Harvest

Scripture: Exodus. 17.1-7; John 4.5-42

- Questions for reflection:
- a. Why is water important to us?
  - b. Does having problems mean that God is absent?
  - c. What kind of water does Jesus provide?
  - d. Which field, said Jesus, is ready for harvest?

## **4<sup>th</sup>. Sunday in Lent**

Title: The Marvelous Photosynthesis

Scripture: Eph. 5.8-14

- Questions for reflection:
- a. What do you experience when you are in a dark place?
  - b. What is the importance of sunlight for living?
  - c. What happens when you have God's light in your heart?

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### 5<sup>th</sup>. Sunday in Lent

- Title: Fighting Against Pest
- Scripture: Ezek. 37.1-14, John 11.25-27
- Questions for reflection:
- What is the heart of a plant life?
  - What kind of pest infests the agricultural fields?
  - What do you can do once the pests have destroyed a crop?
  - What means to you to have hope?

### Palm Sunday

- Title: Getting Ready for Harvest
- Scripture: Ps. 118.1-2, 19-29
- Questions for reflection:
- Whom do you thank for the fruit of the land? And Why?
  - To whose merit is a harvest?
  - What does it mean for the future to have a harvest today?
  - What harvest does Jesus want to reap?

### Maundy Thursday

- Title: The Beautiful Blooming
- Scripture: John 13.1-17, 31b-35
- Questions for reflection:
- What does it mean to a farmer when he sees the first flowers blooming in his field?
  - Why do you exert yourself every day?
  - What does it mean to you personally to be humble?
  - What signs of God's love do you experience in your life?

## **Resurrection of the Lord**

Title: Picking up the First Fruit

Scripture: Luke 24.13-49

Questions for reflection:

- a. What kind of frustrations do we experience in life?
- b. How much help is needed to harvest a crop?
- c. What do you do with the first fruit of a harvest?
- d. How can we celebrate God's gift of life in Jesus?